

## OHIO SUFFERERS PLEAD FOR FOOD

Thousands in Flood Districts in  
Urgent Need of Supplies  
and Relief Workers.

## CAIRO DOOMED BY WATERS

Loves at Bird's Point and at  
Greenfield Are Broken by  
Record Deluges.

COLUMBUS, April 2.—"More money and more food!" was the cry that went up from the Ohio flood stricken districts today. Marietta, Portsmouth, Ironton, and Ohio river towns were in urgent need of supplies. Zanesville asked for help. Dayton today sent out an appeal for food supplies. The Columbus relief committee is sorely in need of money, clothing, and food supplies and for volunteer workmen.

Capt. J. B. C. Eckstorm, with thirty members of the Second Ambulance Company, left today for Portsmouth. Equipment for a field hospital to be established on the Kentucky side of the river and 3,000 rations were taken.

The number of bodies recovered from the Columbus flood district up to today was seventy-five. Two were unidentified.

## Cox Will Investigate.

To get information upon which to base mammoth relief work Governor Cox and members of the State relief commission today planned an immediate tour of every flood district in the State. Plans for systematizing this work were to be made at a meeting of the commission with the governor and Mrs. Mabel Boardman of the National Red Cross today.

The cost of the relief planned will be enormous. Fully 100,000 persons it is estimated.

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## PROBE IS ORDERED IN CUSTOMS "LEAK"

Secretary McAdoo Wants to  
Know How News of Proposed  
Arrests Got Out.

An investigation of a "leak" somewhere in the Treasury Department was ordered by Secretary McAdoo before he left the city to see the target practice. The "leak" was with regard to arrests in the Boston and New York "sleeper-trunk" customs frauds by which the Government was cheated out of thousands of dollars.

This premature publicity is said to have been the cause of the escape of several men whom the Secret Service was after.

Suspicion centers on customs employees in New York city, but investigation is also being made in the department here. A New York newspaper was the agent in the alleged escape from arrest of several of the men whom the Government was after. Following publication several of the alleged principals were immediately arrested. Men against whom less definite information had been gained have left for "parts unknown."

Investigation at Boston and New York of these customs frauds is continued under the direction of Chief Wilkie at Boston, and while it is continuing customs officials are under strict orders to keep silent concerning the whole matter. As a result of the investigation of how the "leak" came the heads of some officials in the service are likely to be chopped off by the official "guillotine," it is said.

## Wilson in Conference With Mrs. Littleton

President Wilson today conferred with Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, who is most anxious that the campaign for the purchase of Monticello shall not be dropped because the House refused to take up the plan last session. The attitude of the President was not revealed as a result of the conference. For a time at least the Monticello campaign will slumber, Mrs. Littleton having determined to leave for Europe with her husband in two weeks for an extended trip.

## Woman Asks for Place On White House Staff

Miss Alberta Hall of Brooklyn, is an applicant for position of record clerk at the White House. Miss Hall was employed at the National Democratic headquarters in New York during the campaign, and attracted notice by her efficient work. If she is appointed the precedent of half a century will be broken, as none but men are now employed in the Executive office.

## WILSON'S STAND HITS CANDIDATES

President Seeks Commissioners  
Expert on New Public  
Utilities Measure.

## PLATFORM TIES HIS HANDS

Both Statutes and Promises  
Preclude His Seeking Men  
Outside of District.

The list of candidates for the two places on the Board of District Commissioners was automatically thinned today when it was definitely established that the President is seeking a commission of experts to enforce the new public utilities law.

If it were not for existing law and the declaration of the Baltimore platform, the President might go outside of the District for one and perhaps two of the new officials.

## Wants to Have a Model City.

The President has told his close advisers that he wants to make Washington the model city, especially in its treatment and regulation of public service corporations. His tentative desire to draft outside men for places on the district board is not a reflection upon the ability and standing of the various applicants for the positions. The question in the President's mind is: Have they the expert knowledge to administer the public utilities law and the District government in a manner which will make the National Capital a model for all other municipalities?

## Hands Are Tied.

For the present, however, the President's hands are tied. In the matter of seeking elsewhere for expert administrators of the city's government. Both existing law and the platform on which Mr. Wilson was elected are in the way. Under the circumstances, the President will look about and select two men in the District whom he regards as particularly fitted for the exacting duties of the Commissionership, now that the public utilities law is to be enforced. Political pull will not count in the selection; nor will the average indorsement of citizens' associations, and individuals.

The Democratic party's platform, adopted in Baltimore, stands in the way of the reputed wish of President Wilson to be privileged to select District Commissioners from outside the District. If the President should in the least desire to name one or more civilian Commissioners who are not District residents his course would be in contravention of the following platform declaration: "We demand for the people of Alaska (Continued on Fourth Page.)"

## THREE CARDINALS AT COLLEGE MEETING

Gibbons, Farley, and O'Connell  
Discuss Future Policy of  
the University.

Washington is the temporary home today of the American hierarchy of the Catholic Church. Assembled at the semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of the Catholic University are the three American cardinals, James Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinals Farley and O'Connell.

These three leaders of the church in America there are also present at the meeting Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia, Messenger of Milwaukee, Keane of Dubuque, Iowa, of a story printed in the United States of San Francisco, and Bishop Matthew Harkins of Providence, R. I. Walter George Smith, a prominent Catholic lawyer and lawyer of Philadelphia, and other leaders of the American Catholic laity are also expected to be present later in the afternoon.

Throughout the morning hours the corridors of the Catholic University buildings and the campus were a-glitter with red hats and the purple and black robes of the visiting church prelates. Questions involving the academic work of the university during the next year and the prospective erection of new buildings for the university which is rapidly growing in size are taken up at this afternoon's session. Emphatic denial was made by Mr. Prendergast, director of the university, today, of the story printed in a local paper, reciting an alleged "strike" of students of the institution over the requested resignation of Prof. Vincent J. Toomey, of the university law department. The newspaper account declared that Dean Carrigan, of the law department, would be asked to explain why he requested the resignation of the popular law professor.

## Fund of \$25,000 Ready For Camp Perry Shoot

According to a decision today by the Controller of the Treasury, an appropriation of \$25,000 at the last session for the promotion of the international rifle competition at Camp Perry, Ohio, in September, is immediately available. The law was ambiguously worded, and the Secretary of War put the question up to the Comptroller.

## Leaders in "First Lady" Breakfast That Has Caused Society Wrangle



## SCUTARI IN FLAMES, WAR OFFICE HEARS

Montenegrins Reported to Have  
Captured Three Forts of  
Turkish Stronghold.

## RED TAPE HOLDS UP MORGAN'S FUNERAL

French Legal Formalities Pre-  
vent Party Catching Liner at  
Cherbourg for America.

ROME, April 2.—Owing to French legal formalities attending the removal of bodies from the ports of that country, plans for a special train to catch the liner Olympic at Cherbourg, with the body of J. P. Morgan, were abandoned, and Herbert L. Satterlee, his son-in-law, announced that Mr. Morgan's body probably would be taken to New York aboard the steamship Isle of France, leaving Havre on Saturday. If that plan is carried out, the party will leave Rome at 6 o'clock this evening.

When it was finally arranged to take the body from Rome today, brief funeral services were conducted in the parlor of the suite in the Grand Hotel where Mr. Morgan died. The Rev. Dr. Frank Felson, rector of the American Episcopal Church, officiated, and only the relatives and close friends were present. Among those at the service were Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee, Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton, Mrs. Lucy Lee and daughter, Mrs. Hurlburt, cousins of Morgan; Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Miss Fitzsimmons, Samuel Abbott, Mrs. Abbott, Ambassador O'Brien, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Nelson, wife of the rector, Prof. Jesse Carter, of the American Art Academy; Mrs. Carter, Post Wheeler, secretary of the American embassy, and Mrs. Wheeler. Mr. Satterlee said he was completely non-plussed by the action of the French government in not allowing him to place Morgan's body aboard ship at Cherbourg tomorrow.

## Feature Acts Already Listed For The Times' Big Benefit

Entire first act of "The Woman." Entire second act of "Snoobs." "A Whirlwind of Fun," by Nat. Wills. "A Little Musical Nonsense," by Irving Walton and Ailie Vivian. Song, "Experience," by Hattie Williams. "Ten Minutes of Foolishness," by Richard Carle. "Fighting the Umpire," by "Germany" Schaefer and Nick Altrock. "This Night Have Happened," by Dorothy Bernard and A. H. Van Buren. Garden scene of the "Taming of the Shrew," by Charles B. Hanford and Marie Dronah. "Ten Minutes With Isotta Jewel." Song and dance imitation of Bessie Clifford by Helen Hayes. New dance especially arranged by tango dancers Joe Smith and Violet Hartz. Twenty Bedouins from "The Garden of Allah." "Washington's Operatic Four," in musical numbers. "Echoes of the Southland," Miss Mary Taylor Smith. Dance specialty by Mazie King, now with "The Midnight Sons." Interpretative dance by Genevieve Littauer. Musical numbers by the full Marine Band. May Robson in a sketch. For details of The Times' benefit, see story on Page 1.

## MRS. WILSON VISITS ENGRAVING BUREAU

Wife of President Sees How  
Women in Employ of U. S.  
Government Work.

Accompanied by Mrs. Archibald Wilson, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson paid a visit today and saw the manufacture of money and postage stamps. From the beginning to the finished product, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hopkins were conducted about the plant by Director Ralph. Mrs. Hopkins is chairman of the social service committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the District and showed Mrs. Wilson the conditions under which the women of the bureau work. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hopkins were taken over the uncompleted new building for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. In both buildings Mrs. Wilson showed much interest. She expressed herself as very well pleased with her morning's sight-seeing trip.

## THREE SENT TO JAIL ON GRAFT CHARGES

Philadelphia Official and Two  
Contractors Also Fined \$500  
Each for Offense.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—Former Director of Public Safety Henry Clay and Contractors John R. Wiggins and Willard H. Walls were today refused a new trial in quarter sessions court and sentenced to not less than eighteen months or more than two years each in the penitentiary. They were also ordered to pay a fine of \$500 each. The men were convicted several months ago of conspiracy to defraud the city in connection with the erection of city fire and bath houses. The defendants furnished \$10,000 bail each, pending an appeal. A suit in equity has been filed by the city against Clay, Wiggins, and Walls to obtain the return of \$100,000 said to have been part of the amount the contracting firm took from the city by conspiracy.

## GRADUATED INCOME TAX IS WRITTEN INTO TARIFF BILL BY THE DEMOCRATS

President in Favor of Revenue Bill Which Can  
Be Stretched to Cover Emergencies That  
May Arise in Finances of United States, Is  
Report—Draft Is Now Ready.

## WILSON MAY BOOST RATE IF NATION NEEDS FUNDS, IS PRINCIPAL IDEA

A graduated income tax, with a flexibility even of the graduated rates, has been written into the tariff bill by the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee. It is learned today that the income tax provision is so drawn that the tax not only will be a steady revenue producer, but may also be stretched into an emergency revenue producer.

The contemplated plan is simple. The graduated tax on incomes above \$4,000 will be from 1 to 4 per cent, according to the size of the taxpayer's annual stipend. These rates are for the ordinary revenues of the Government and probably will raise a total of \$125,000,000.

But the Democrats intend to give additional elasticity to the tax. If there should occur an unexpected deficit in the Treasury, if Uncle Sam's balance is on the wrong side

of the ledger, the President may boost the income tax rate all along the line and thus bring in the required receipts for the conduct of the Government's business.

It is proposed that the President, delegated with authority by Congress, shall issue a proclamation when such an increase of the tax becomes necessary. An estimate will be made of the additional revenues needed and the flexible income tax will do the rest. A restoration of normal conditions in the Treasury vaults will mean the restoration of the customary rates.

## Graduated Tax Favored.

The income tax proper provides for a graduated rate beginning at 1 per cent on all incomes in excess of \$4,000 and sliding upward to a 4 per cent rate on incomes above \$100,000. After a stiff fight in the Ways and Means Committee, the proposal for a flat 2 per cent rate was rejected and the bill will stand as it is unless pressure for a change is brought from the White House. This is unexpected, as the President is understood to be in accord with the graduated rate plan.

## Garner Opposes Flat Rate.

Congressman John Garner of Texas led the forces in committee, which were unyielding for the graduated tax. This

statement contained that a flat rate applicable to both large and small incomes would bring discontent among the modest-salaried classes.

The salaried man with an income below \$5,000 or \$10,000, it was contended, would feel resentful if taxed 2 per cent on every dollar above \$4,000, when confronted with the fact that the coupon-clipping magnate with an income of \$1,000,000 was forced to pay no proportionately higher tax.

The Democratic idea of assessing wealth in proportion to its ability to stand it finally prevailed, and the House Democrats think they will make a hit with the poor man.

There may be a question of constitutionality raised against the proposal to give the President authority to increase the income tax rate to meet sudden deficiencies in revenues. One constitutional expert prescribed today, however, that there was no doubt of the right of Congress to delegate such authority within certain prescribed limits which will be set out in the bill.

It is contended that in prescribing certain limits to which the President may go in times of stress the Congress has not given direct to the Executive the taxing power and that therefore the tax levied is essentially that approved in advance by the Congress.

At any rate, present indications are that the recently ratified income tax will be a flexible, graduated affair capable of meeting almost any revenue emergency.

## INSPECTOR CHARGED WITH "SPITE WORK"

Contractor on Trial for Exca-  
vating After Having Been  
Refused Permit.

Intense feeling and charges that the office of the District Building Inspector shows discrimination in the issuance of permits marked the opening of the trial of Joseph J. Moebis, a prominent builder, arraigned in the District branch of the Police Court today on a charge of excavating for the erection of an apartment house, at Nineteenth and Biltmore streets northwest, after he had been refused a permit to do so by Building Inspector Morris Hacker.

Repeatedly throughout the trial Attorney Charles Dicks for the defendant charged Building Inspector Hacker and his office force with "spite work" in refusing Mr. Moebis the permit to do the excavating work at the Nineteenth and Biltmore street site.

Building Inspector Hacker and many other members of his office are in court as witnesses for the prosecution. Mr. Hacker testified that Mr. Moebis had been refused a permit to begin the excavation because the structural plans of the building he proposes to erect do not meet the requirements of the Building Inspector's office.

## French Aviator Killed.

PARIS, April 2.—Adjutant Yves Faure, a military aviator, flying at a height of 20 feet, was killed this afternoon when his aeroplane turned turtle and crashed to earth.

## FEMININE RAFFLES RAIDS A HOSPITAL

Nineteen-Year-Old Girl Flees  
From St. Elizabeth's With  
Finery of Nurses.

Authorities today are searching for nineteen-year-old Estelle Cummings, alleged to be a kleptomaniac, who escaped from the Government Hospital for the Insane. She is said to have robbed two nurses and fled.

Like the skillful plotting of a feminine Raffles, it is believed she planned her raid—she pried open a window of the rooms of Etta E. Saunders and Katie Sims, while they were dancing in the hospital theater, and ransacked the apartments of money, jewelry, dresses, shoes, at her leisure. She left her own hat behind, preferring a nurse's new Easter millinery.

She had several hours' start before the thefts were discovered, and detectives are keeping an eye on her home, 1828 B street northeast, but she has not yet sought refuge there. This is not her first escapade of the sort. Some months ago she eluded guards at the hospital and after aimlessly wandering around for several days finally turned up at her home.

Miss Cummings' tendency to kleptomania is alleged to have been demonstrated on previous occasions, and as a rule she is under constant surveillance. She has been patient at St. Elizabeth's for some months.